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(PATENT)

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In re Patent Application of:
Howard E. Rhodes et al.

Application No.: 10/689,712

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Art Unit: 2815

For: AN OPTIMIZED PHOTODIODE PROCESS
FOR IMPROVED TRANSFER GATE
LEAKAGE

Examiner: J. A. Fenty

AMENDMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 23, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1-5, 9, 11-16, 18-20, 22-28, 54-58, 62, 66, 64, 68 and 74-77, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.



| AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER | | | | Docket No. M4065.0660/P660 | |
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| Applicant(s): Howard E. Rhodes et al. | | | | | |
| Invention: AN OPTIMIZED PHOTODIODE PROCESS FOR IMPROVED TRANSFER GATE LEAKAGE | | | | | |
| TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS | | | | | |
| Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. | | | | | |
| The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. | | | | | |
| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | |
| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Previously Paid | Number Extra Claims Present | Rate | |
| Total Claims | 55 | - 76 = | | x | |
| Independent Claims | 3 | - 3 = | | x | |
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